

REMARKS

The Examiner indicated that DE 100 56 060 (Reference AL) was not considered since it was lacking a proper English translation. In the Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement attached herewith, the U.S. equivalent patent for that reference is enclosed.

As to the SISA Reference AR, also see the enclosed Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement enclosing a translation of that reference.

The objections to claims 34, 35, and 38 are avoided by the amendments herein.

The 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection of claims 30, 33, 38, 42 and 43 are avoided by the amendments herein.

The Examiner rejected claims 23-28, 30-32, 34, 36, 38, 42, 44 and 45 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by Barnard.

Claim 23 distinguishes over Barnard at least by reciting that the first control unit and the second control unit are for the printer or copier and that the at least one data object which is stored comprises a variable or a constant for control of the printer or copier and wherein a third identifier is associated with this data object. We note this claim language is based on the Substitute Specification disclosure at, for example, page 1, lines 11-20 and page 5, lines 5-8, for example. Also see original dependent claim 43 now cancelled. Also note dependent claim 30 reciting that the data object comprises a setting parameter and a value of the data object specifies a value of the setting parameter.

The Examiner cites for the data object Figure 2, claims 48 and 65, and Figure 9, column 6, lines 25-54. However, no such data object is disclosed in Barnard as defined by claim 23. In Figure 9 Barnard just shows different printer modules and

column 6 talks about different printers connected by a network along with workstations. Claim 48 only discloses a plurality of network devices which are network printers and claim 65 discloses a print job being directed to one of the print queues. Thus Barnard is not relevant to the recited data object. The association of a third identifier with such a data object is thus also not disclosed or hinted at Barnard.

Dependent claims 24-32 distinguish at least for the reasons noted with respect to claim 23 and also by reciting additional features not suggested.

Independent claims 44 and 45 distinguish in a manner similar to the manner in which claim 23 distinguishes.

Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519.

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